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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 27 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled:

"Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Trade and development;

"(b) Human settlements;

"(c) United Nations Conference for Human Settlements (Habitat II);

"(d) Science and technology for development;

"(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

"(f) Women in development;

"(g) Human resources development;

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- "(h) Business and development;
- "(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries;
- "(j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. At its 55th plenary meeting, on 10 November 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session an additional item entitled "Food and sustainable agricultural development", as sub-item 95 (k), and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

3. The Second Committee held general discussions on the item at its 30th to 36th meetings, from 13 to 16 November 1995. The general discussion on sub-items (a), (d) and (e) was held at the 30th to 32nd meetings, on 13 and 14 November. The general discussion on sub-items (b) and (c) was held at the 33rd and 34th meetings, on 15 November. The general discussion on sub-items (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) was held at its 35th and 36th meetings, on 16 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/50/SR.30-36). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 3, 4 and 9 to 11 October (see A/C.2/50/SR.3-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report.

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa 1993-2002 (A/50/487);

(b) Letter dated 27 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations transmitting the press communiqué issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council following its fifty-fourth session, held at Riyadh on 19 and 20 March 1995 (A/50/123-S/1995/228);

(c) Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the summit meeting of seven major industrialized countries, held at Halifax, Canada, from 15 to 17 June 1995 (A/50/254-S/1995/201);

(d) Letter dated 21 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the press release issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council following its fifty-fifth session, held at Riyadh on 10 and 11 June 1995 (A/50/255-S/1995/504);

(e) Letter dated 30 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a

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press release issued following the second meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries of the Sahelo-Saharan region, held at Algiers on 23 and 24 August 1995 (A/50/400);

(f) Note verbale dated 5 September 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the communiqué and the Declaration of Principles on Tourism, Trade and Transportation and Plan of Action of the Inaugural Summit of the Association of Caribbean States, held at Port-of-Spain on 17 and 18 August 1995 (A/50/407);

(g) Letter dated 8 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Declaration of the Ninth Meeting of Heads of State and Government of the Rio Group, held at Quito on 4 and 5 September 1995 (A/50/425-S/1995/787);

(h) Letter dated 21 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the press communiqué issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council following its fifty-sixth session, held at Riyadh on 18 and 19 September 1995 (A/50/466-S/1995/817);

(i) Letter dated 18 September 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-sixth South Pacific Forum, held at Madang, Papua New Guinea, from 3 to 15 September 1995 (A/50/475);

(j) Letter dated 2 October 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77 adopted at the nineteenth annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group, held at United Nations Headquarters on 29 September 1995 (A/50/518);

Item 95 (a). Trade and development

(a) Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its forty-first session and the first part of its forty-second session (A/50/15, vol. I);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on economic measures as means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/50/439);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/50/341);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on negotiations on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/50/486);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the proposals of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for translating commitments made at the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations regarding the least

developed among the developing countries and net food-importing countries into concrete action (A/50/740);

(f) Letter dated 8 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Delhi Declaration issued at the eighth meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, held at New Delhi from 2 to 4 May 1995 (A/50/215-S/1995/475);

(g) Letter dated 2 November 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/50/7);

(b) Human settlements

(a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fifteenth session; 1/

(b) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000; 2/

(c) United Nations Conference for Human Settlements (Habitat II)

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat II; 3/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for Habitat II (A/50/519);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the regional commissions on the preparations for Habitat II at the regional level (A/50/411);

(d) Note by the Secretariat on the provisional rules of procedure of Habitat II (A/C.2/50/9 and Corr.1);

(d) Science and technology for development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/179 (A/50/649);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system support for science and technology in Africa" (A/50/125-E/1995/19);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 8 and corrigenda (A/50/8 and Corr.1 and 2).

2/ Ibid., addendum (A/50/8/Add.1).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 37 (A/50/37).

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system support for science and technology in Africa" (A/50/125-E/1995/19/Add.1);

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/171 and 49/98 (A/50/746);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-term Global Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in the 1990s (A/50/745);

(f) Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on effective mobilization and integration of women in development: gender issues in macroeconomic policy-making and development planning (A/50/399);

(g) Human resources development

Report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development (A/50/330 and Corr.1);

(h) Business and development

Report of the Secretary-General on entrepreneurship and privatization for economic growth and sustainable development (A/50/417);

(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (A/50/396);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the draft programme for observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (A/50/551);

(c) Letter dated 8 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (see item 95 (a) above) (A/50/215-S/1995/475);

(j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Panel on Opportunity and Participation (A/50/501);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General giving a list of panel members who participated in the United Nations Panel on Opportunity and Participation (A/50/501/Add.1);

(k) Food and sustainable agricultural development

5. At the 30th meeting, on 13 November, introductory statements were made by the President of the Trade and Development Board, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Managing Director of the Country Strategy and Programme Development Division of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on sub-items (a), (d) and (e) (see A/C.2/50/SR.30).

6. At the same meeting, the Minister for Development Cooperation of Norway, as chairperson of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-Term Global Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in the 1990s, made a statement (see A/C.2/50/SR.30).

7. At the 33rd meeting, on 15 November, an introductory statement was made by the Assistant Secretary-General and Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on sub-items (b) and (c) (see A/C.2/50/SR.33).

8. At the 35th meeting, on 16 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development and the representative of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support of the United Nations Development Programme on sub-items (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) (see A/C.2/50/SR.35).

